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**MICHAEL W. DOBBINS
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT**

The Honorable Charles R. Kocoras
United States District Judge
United States District Courthouse
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

RE: U.S.v. Jackson, No. 1:07-cv-06409 - Declaration of Mailing &
Request for Equitable Relief

Your Honor:

By order of the Court, I was given until April 21, 2008, to file a reply to the Government's Response to my Motion to Vacate under 28 USC § 2255.

In fact, on April 21, 2008, I deposited a Memorandum in Reply/Opposition to the Government's Response, with first-class postage prepaid and addressed to the Clerk, in a receptacle for outgoing prisoner mail located in my cell block.

I did not use the prisons legal mail system because under that system prisoners must deliver legal papers to mailroom officers before 12:30 p.m. in order to receive benefit of the mailbox rule for a given day but the final pages of my reply memorandum were still being typed at that hour.

My reply memorandum should be deemed timely filed never the less. The Government nor other unincarcerated litigants have such restriction placed on their ability to meet a court filing deadline, neither should I.

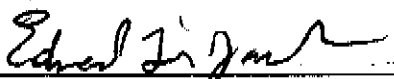
The last nine pages of my reply memorandum were all typed on April 21, 2008. When the typing was completed. I was unable to make copies of the last pages because the inmate copy machine was inoperable and I could not obtain copies from either of the two staff members who I asked.

Faced with the choice of filing my reply within the deadline and having no complete copy for service of Respondent, or delaying filing until the following day after I was able to make the necessary copies, I chose the former. But I must now ask the

Honorable Court to direct the Clerk to copy and mail to me pages 21 thru 29 of my reply memorandum so that I am able to serve a complete copy on the Respondent as well as have one for my own records.

Pursuant to 28 USC § 1746, I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Respectfully,


Edward Lee Jackson, Jr.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this 22nd day of April, 2008, I mailed a copy of the foregoing, with first class postage prepaid and addressed to:

Brian Netols
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